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Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 155 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/64/774.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 34th and 37th meetings, on 26 May and 18 June 2010. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/64/SR.34 and 37).

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 (A/64/554);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on financing arrangements for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 (A/64/764);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/64/660/Add.16).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/64/L.46

4. At its 37th meeting, on 18 June 2010, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti"

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(A/C.5/64/L.46), submitted by the Chair on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Kenya.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/64/L.46 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti,[1] the note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the Mission[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1529 (2004) of 29 February 2004, by which the Council declared its readiness to establish a United Nations stabilization force to support continuation of a peaceful and constitutional political process and the maintenance of a secure and stable environment in Haiti,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1542 (2004) of 30 April 2004, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for an initial period of six months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1892 (2009) of 13 October 2009, by which the Security Council decided that the Mission would consist of a military component of up to 6,940 troops of all ranks and of a police component of up to 2,211 police and extended the mandate of the Mission until 15 October 2010,

Recalling further Security Council resolution 1908 (2010) of 19 January 2010, by which the Council endorsed the increase in the overall force levels of the Mission to support the immediate recovery, reconstruction and stability efforts and decided that the Mission would consist of a military component of up to 8,940 troops of all ranks and of a police component of up to 3,711 police,

Recalling its resolution 58/315 of 1 July 2004,

Recalling also its resolution 58/311 of 18 June 2004 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 64/264 of 13 May 2010,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

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[1] A/64/554.

[2] A/64/764.

[3] A/64/660/Add.16.

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007 and 64/____ of _____,* as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti as at 30 April 2010, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 83.7 million United States dollars, representing some 4 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only fifty-two Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of the facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

10. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

11. *Takes note* of paragraph 15 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to revert to the issue of reclassification of existing posts in the context of the proposed budget for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011;

12. *Also takes note* of paragraphs 21 and 24 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

* See A/C.5/64/L.57.

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276 and 64/_____;*

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

15. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

16. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009;[1]

Estimates for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2010

17. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2010 in a total amount not exceeding 380 million dollars for the operation of the Mission;

Financing of the commitment authority

18. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 221,666,700 dollars for the period from 1 July to 15 October 2010, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 64/249 of 24 December 2009, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2010, as set out in General Assembly resolution 64/248 of 24 December 2009;

19. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 4,794,900 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the period from 1 July to 15 October 2010;

20. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 158,333,300 dollars for the period from 16 October to 31 December 2010, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 64/249, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2010, as set out in its resolution 64/248, subject to a decision by the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

21. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 20 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 3,425,000 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the period from 16 October to 31 December 2010;

Estimates for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011

22. *Also decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti the amount of 23,041,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011, comprising 19,514,400 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 3,527,300 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

23. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 23,041,700 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 64/249 and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2010 and 2011, as set out in its resolution 64/248;

24. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 23 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,898,000 dollars, comprising the prorated share of 1,615,800 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 282,200 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

25. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 9,038,800 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2009, as set out in Assembly resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

26. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 9,038,800 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2009, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 25 above;

27. *Decides* that the increase in the estimated staff assessment income of 167,400 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2009 shall be added to the credits from the amount of 9,038,800 dollars referred to in paragraphs 25 and 26 above;

28. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

29. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

30. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

31. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fifth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti".